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January 14, 2019

Via Email

Marissa Jones
Dept MR 66948
66948-06947434@requests.muckrock.com

RE: Public Information Request for records regarding the disappearance of Christopher Sanders
(PIR # 19-0137)

Ms. Jones:

The Department received your above-referenced request on January 10, 2019. The Department has located records responsive to your request; however, we believe some or all of the records may be excepted from required public disclosure at this time. We are seeking a ruling from the attorney general's office with respect to disclosure of these records, and a copy of our request letter is enclosed. You will be notified directly by the attorney general's office when a ruling is issued. Please find enclosed the only records we believe to be available to you at this time; these records are provided at no cost.

If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact the Media and Communications office at media@dps.texas.gov. Thank you.

Cordially,

Brian Sears
Assistant General Counsel

cc:

Attorney General of Texas
Open Records Division
209 West 14th Street, 6th Floor
Austin, Texas 78701

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Subject: Texas Public Information Act Request: Christopher Sanders (Texas Department of Public Safety)

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Texas Department of Public Safety
Texas Public Information Act Office
PO Box 4087
Austin, TX 78773-0140

January 10, 2019

To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to the Texas Public Information Act, I hereby request the following records:

Any and all records related to the 2017 disappearance of Christopher Sanders.

The requested documents will be made available to the general public, and this request is not being made for commercial purposes.

In the event that there are fees, I would be grateful if you would inform me of the total charges in advance of fulfilling my request. I would prefer the request filled electronically, by e-mail attachment if available or CD-ROM if not.

Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation in this matter. I look forward to receiving your response to this request within 10 business days, as the statute requires.

Sincerely,

Marissa Jones

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Via Hand Delivery

Attorney General of Texas
Open Records Division
209 West 14th Street, 6th Floor
Austin, Texas 78701

RE: Public Information Request for records regarding the disappearance of Christopher Sanders
(PIR # 19-0137)

DATE REQUEST FOR INFORMATION RECEIVED:

1/10/2019

DATE REQUEST FOR RULING SUBMITTED TO ATTORNEY GENERAL:

1/14/2019

Dear Open Records Division:

The Department of Public Safety received the above-referenced request for information from Marissa Jones on January 10, 2019. We believe some or all of the requested information is excepted from required public disclosure pursuant to section 552.108 of the Government Code. Accordingly, we are requesting a ruling regarding the release of these records.

A copy of the basic investigation information has been provided to the requestor. An investigation into the above-referenced incident is ongoing. Thus, the Department believes the requested information is excepted from required public disclosure pursuant to section 552.108(a)(1) of the Government Code, which states:

- (a) Information held by a law enforcement agency or prosecutor that deals with the detection, investigation, or prosecution of crime is excepted from the requirements of Section 552.021 if:
 - (1) release of the information would interfere with the detection, investigation, or prosecution of crime.

Because this is an ongoing investigation, the release of potential evidence would interfere with the investigation and prosecution of this case. *See Houston Chronicle Publ'g Co. v. City of Houston*, 531 S.W.2d 177, 184-85 (Tex. Civ. App.—Houston [14th Dist.] 1975), *writ ref'd n.r.e.*, 536 S.W.2d 559 (Tex. 1976) (per curiam). Consequently, the Department believes these responsive records are excepted from required public disclosure at least until the investigation is complete.

Please find enclosed the request from Marissa Jones, the notice of our request for a ruling sent to the requestor, and a representative sample of the records we wish to except from required disclosure. Please feel free to contact me at (512) 424-2890 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Brian Sears
Assistant General Counsel

Enclosure(s)

cc: Marissa Jones
Dept MR 66948

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
TEXAS RANGERS

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| LEAD INVESTIGATOR: | PHILLIP BREEDING | INVEST#: | 2018I-TRE-50022299 |
| SUPERVISOR: | CHRIS CLARK | OPENED: | 02/28/2018 |
| TITLE: | MISSING PERSON / WARD COUNTY / CHRISTOPHER SANDERS | FILE STATUS: | OPEN |
| TYPE: | CRIMINAL | DIVISION: | TEXAS RANGERS |
| SERVICE: | | REGION: | E |
| DISTRICT: | | AREA: | |
| SUBTYPE: | OTHER - MISSING PERSON | SPURS URN: | CMIV50022299 |
| CATEGORY: | INVESTIGATIVE | REVIEW DATE: | 11/25/2018 |
| SPECIAL APPROVAL: | | LEGACY REF: | |
| PROGRAM: | CRIMES AGAINST PERSON | SUBPROGRAM: | MISSING PERSON |
| CASE#: | | | |

INVESTIGATION SYNOPSIS

On 08/14/2017, Christopher Sanders was reported missing from his R.V. trailer at 810 W. IH-20 in Monahans via telephone by his spouse, Angela Sanders. Angela Sanders arrived in Monahans the following date and met with Monahans Police Department officers. It was determined through initial interviews that Christopher Sanders walked away willingly from his R.V. and had not been seen or heard from since. This report will detail investigative assistance provided to the Monahans Police Department and their initial response.

INVESTIGATION REQUESTED BY

MONAHANS POLICE DEPT.
MONAHANS,
79756

INVOLVED LOCATIONS

S1 QPS R.V. Park
810 West IH-20
Monahans, TX 79756

S3 Lamesa Road south of IH-20
, TX

DPS SENSITIVE

01/10/2019 16:40

OFFENSES

S1 MISSING PERSON N/A N/A N/A
Ward County, TX, US
08/15/2017 (Tuesday)
Victim: Sanders, Christopher

CHARGES**PERSONNEL**

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Texas Dept of Public Safety

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